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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**Status of Claims**

Claims 2-34 remain in the application. Claim 1 has been cancelled from the application. New claim 35 has been added to the application.

**Amendments to Claims**

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2-11, 15-17 and 34 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating the limitations of base and intervening claims.

Claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form incorporating the limitations of claim 1. Claim 15 has been rewritten in independent form incorporating the limitations of claims 1 and 12. Claims 12, 18 and 21 have been amended to change their respective dependencies from claim 1 to amended claim 2. Claims 31 and 32 have each been amended to incorporate a similar limitation recited in the original version of claim 2.

Claim 34 has not been rewritten in independent form as claim 34 depends indirectly upon claim 32, which has been amended as described above.

New claim 35 is a method claim that recites concurrent receiving and transmitting in a given frequency band in which subcarrier frequencies of respective remotely and locally transmitted signals are orthogonal and at least a portion of the frequency spectra of the two signals are overlapping.

**35 U.S.C 103 Claim Rejections**

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 12-14 and 18-33 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bourlas (U.S. Patent No. 6,459,687) in view of Pollack (U.S. Patent No. 6,192,026).

Claim 1 has been cancelled rendering the Examiner's rejection of this claims moot.

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Claims 12, 18, and 21 have been amended by changing their respective dependencies from claim 1 to claim 2. As the Examiner states that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, Applicant submits that claims 12, 18 and 21 are allowable, for at least their dependence on amended claim 2.


Claims 31 and 32 now recite similar subject matter to amended claim 2. Applicant submits that these claims patentably distinguish over the cited reference for at least the same reasons as amended claim 2.

In view of the foregoing, early favorable consideration of this application is earnestly solicited.

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